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## Letter dated 6 April 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to the briefing by the Joint Special Envoy to the Security Council on 2 April 2012, and with the agreement of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, a United Nations team consisting of staff from the Office of the Joint Special Envoy, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support was dispatched to the Syrian Arab Republic to consult with the Government and engage in technical preparations for the potential deployment of observers to supervise and monitor a cessation of armed violence under the six-point plan, should this be achieved. The team, led by Major General Robert Mood (Norway), arrived in Damascus on 5 April 2012 and started its work.

It has now become clear that in view of the range of work required, it is necessary to augment the visiting United Nations team with six additional personnel. To expedite their deployment under tight deadlines, I intend to draw from United Nations personnel who are already in the region, serving with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). For the time of their service in the visiting United Nations team in Syria, those officers will not be part of UNTSO and will not have operational tasks. Rather, they will form part of the United Nations visiting team and will work solely on tasks related to it, i.e., to consulting and engaging in technical preparations for the potential deployment of United Nations observers.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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